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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Notice of Proposed Action
by the
State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Ruby Hill Mine** Project, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of **Permit NEV96103** is:

Homestake Mining Co. of California
Ruby Hill Mine
P.O. Box 676
Eureka, Nevada 89316

The facility, known as the Ruby Hill Mine, is located on public lands within portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15, Township 19 North, Range 53 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 1 mile northwest of the town of Eureka, Eureka County, Nevada. The project consists of an open pit precious metal mine, two (2) waste rock facilities, crusher, grinding, agglomerating, and conveying systems, a multi-cell heap leach pad, a solution pond, a storm event pond, an Adsorption-Desorption-Recovery (ADR) plant, associated interconnected pipelines, associated support facilities, and seven (7) groundwater quality monitoring wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit renewal.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the

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Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (28 May 2002) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-4670, extension 3125, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.html>